



6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, TX 78238

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEON VALLEY TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting of the Leon Valley Tree Advisory Board (TAB) at 6:00 PM, on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, in the Leon Valley City Hall, at 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, Texas.

I. Poll for Attendance and Determination of a Quorum.

- Staff Liaison: Kristie Flores (Present)
- TAB Forester: Mark Kroeze, Regional Urban Texas Forester (Present)
- Members Present: Thomas Benavides, Denise Berger, Lyn Joseph, Mary Key, Diana Sarfin, and Rich Sarfin
- Members Absent: Melinda Dawson
- Guest: Chris Riley (Leon Valley Mayor) and Olen Yarnell (Leon Valley Citizen)

II. Approval of Minutes - January 22, 2014.

- Minutes approved as written.

III. Update and General Discussion Various Topics.

- EWL Recap.
 - 250 trees were adopted-out (220 to event attendees, 14 to Public Works Employees, & 16 for the park).
 - CPS Energy employees and EWL volunteers assisted.
- LC-17
 - Chris Riley met with Bobby Mengden, Project Manager for LC-17. Discussions yielded the following:
 - Project starts May 2015 and will end by December 2016 (18 months).
 - A new tree inventory needs to be accomplished (Leon Valley Ranch Estates) due to the tree loss caused by the drought.
 - 150 trees will be replanted and come with a 1 year warranty.
 - Ms. Riley asked if gator bags would be provided for the newly planted trees and if there would be a possibility of transplanting some of the trees that are marked for removal. These questions are yet to be determined by Mr. Mengden.
 - Olen Yarnell proposed to the TAB the idea of repurposing the wood from the trees to be removed from Leon Valley Ranch Estates. He found a local company (Green Wood Milling) that can repurpose the wood into benches, tables, planters, art, etc. and provided a brochure indicating their services.
 - Kristie Flores is be the point of contact for the TAB. She will contact the company to inquire on costs, type of tree species the company works with, etc...
 - Areas that would benefit from tree replanting (if approved by Mr. Mengden) include Old Mill Shopping Center (space where the large oak use to be), Chamber of Commerce (local businesses with yards), and the park (where Huebner Creek runs alongside Poss Road).
- Tree Maintenance (Park & Homestead).
 - Mark Kroeze identified 8 trees to be removed and 4 trees to be trimmed. Public Works accomplished the work today (March 19, 2014).
 - The area will be reviewed again in a few months once the spring bloom is over which will help identify sick/dead trees.
- Firewise Training (March 25, 2014).
 - Training will held at the Leon Valley Conference Center (11:30 AM - 3:00 PM) and will be conducted by the Texas A&M Forrest Service and the Leon Valley Fire Chief.
 - Training will target fire mitigation in areas such as Government Canyon State Park.

IV. Determine the Next Public Tree Education Session for April 2014.

- Mark Kroeze will have a training session at our next meeting on April 16, 2014. The training will center on the recent Leon Valley Tree Inventory and the value that they give to a homeowner.

- V. Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the Conference Center.
- RSVP must be received by March 21, 2014.
- VI. Executive Session in Accordance with the Texas Government Code.
- Not required.
- VII. Adjourn
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.
- The next meeting of the TAB is set for Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at 6:00 PM in the Leon Valley City Hall.



Chairperson